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### THE MAYORALTY.

As polling day approaches the excitement throughout the city is visibly on the increase. The candidates for municipal honors, along with their friends, are working with redoubled energy, and meetings in the different wards are of nightly occurrence. Considerable speculation exists as to results and any amount of bets are reported, the majority of these, of course, being made on the mayoralty contest. Heavy odds are given that Mr. McShane will be elected by a large majority, and from the enthusiastic reception he has met with everywhere, and notably in the French sections of the city, wherein Mr. Grenier's strength was supposed to lay, the odds are warranted. Indeed, to all appearance the candidature of Mayor Grenier is knocked into a cocked hat, and even the majority which it is claimed he will have in St. Antoine Ward will not counterbalance the heavy majorities Mr. McShane will, with greater certainty, have in several other wards. But what reasons have the friends of Mr. Grenier for claiming St. Antoine Ward as their own? Do they imagine that the intelligent voters of this district will allow themselves to be bulldozed into voting against their convictions of what is right and fair? and that they have no respect for an agreement hitherto honorably kept? We believe that polling day will show the Grenier clique they have been counting their chickens before they are hatched, and that in this particular ward Mr. McShane, if he does not succeed in securing a majority, will not be far behind in the race. In St. Ann's Ward and in the East End the "People's Jimmy" will have it all his own way, as every workingman in these districts is certain to deposit his ballot for this popular aspirant to the civic throne. Mr. Grenier is the nominee of a moneyed clique who are opposed to every reform calculated to benefit the workingman. His record in the Council proves him to be unworthy the support of the working classes and of all who have the welfare of this portion of the community at heart, and we shall be greatly disappointed and mistaken if the workingmen of the city do not rise in their might and show to those who seek to dictate to them in matters municipal that in this instance they can't have it all their own way. Workingmen, on this oc-

casional you have the protection of the ballot, show your would-be dictators you know how to use it by returning the Hon. James McShane Mayor of Montreal, and by so doing you will place a man who has every desire to befriend you in a position that will give him many opportunities of doing so.

### ST LAWRENCE WARD.

Next in point of interest to the Mayoralty contest is the triangular fight going on in St. Lawrence Ward between Messrs. Baxter, Griffin and Drapeau. If the appearance of the latter gentleman in the field can be considered seriously, and if he carries out his expressed intention of going to the poll, there ought to be a very full vote recorded; but the probabilities are Mr. Drapeau will reconsider the situation and gracefully retire from a contest in which for him there can be nothing but defeat. Regarding the other two candidates, there can be little hesitation in saying which is the more popular with the electors. The qualifications for the position possessed by Mr. Baxter are such as should ensure his triumphant return at the head of the poll. His opponent, Mr. Griffin, may be a very nice man, may be a very good and honest man, but his career as an alderman has been a miserable fiasco, and it is simply astonishing that the electors of St. Lawrence Ward have been so long contented to be represented by a nonentity. To be sure, he attends the Council meetings with regularity, sits out the debates—which he has not the brains to take part in—to the bitter end, in a dull, aimless way, and when the vote is taken is generally so lost in bewilderment and so mistified by the eloquence of his confederates that his is often recorded without him knowing exactly which way it has gone. And Mr. Griffin is one of those who believe that workingmen have no right or title to look for anything beyond their labor, that they have no right to have any share in the municipal government, and it is a question if he believes they should possess the right to vote for an alderman. He has openly expressed his opposition to any interference with the present iniquitous system of levying the Water Tax or to any readjustment that will bear less heavily on the poor; he is also opposed to the abolition of the property qualification for aldermen, holding that property, not brains, should be the standard to judge of a man's fitness to administer the affairs of the city; in short, he is totally opposed to every scheme of reform that would raise the status of the workingman, and for these and other reasons should be relegated to private citizenship. Looking at Mr. Baxter, we find that he is possessed of those qualifications which go to make a successful alderman. Endowed with energy and tenacity of purpose; sound and practical experience in financial matters; broad, liberal and progressive in his views, and he favors the construction of permanent works which are likely to prove a benefit to the city. If elected, Mr. Baxter will keep a watchful eye over the expenditures, and the bonusing of officials will find in him a stern opponent. The electors of St. Lawrence Ward have now the opportunity of choosing between a mere figure-head and a man of enlightened views and large practical experience, and they should not for one moment hesitate in their choice. Vote for Mr. James Baxter.

### ST. GABRIEL WARD.

Of the two candidates in St. Gabriel Ward the electors should not hesitate for a moment in deciding upon again returning Alderman Thompson as their representative. During his two and a half years' service in the Council he has proved himself to be capable and attentive to the business of the city, and although not a ward poli-

tician in any sense of the word he has not neglected the interests of his constituents. Broad, liberal, and progressive in his views, he does not hesitate to advocate any measure having for its object the improvement of the city, and any scheme having this in view will find in him a warm supporter. Being a fluent speaker and a ready debater he very early made his mark in the Council, and to-day stands in the front rank of English-speaking representatives. Mr. Thompson will in the future, as he has always done in the past, use his influence in the cause of reform. He is in favor of a more equitable basis for levying the water rates and other measures which are of the utmost concern to the workingmen, besides being a strong advocate for corporation work being done by the day. Indeed, whenever this question cropped up in the Council he was foremost in support of it. Mr. Thompson is a successful manufacturer, a large employer of labor, and as such is pronounced fair and even liberal with his employees, and he, therefore, has every characteristic to recommend him to the workingmen of this city and of the ward which he aspires again to represent. Taken altogether Mr. Thompson is not the man to discard at the present time for a comparatively unknown individual, and we are sure the electors will coincide in our opinion and return Mr. Thompson, a tried and faithful servant, as their representative.

### NOTES OF THE WEFK.

The panacea of English Toryism for relief of the congested districts of the British Empire is, and always has been, emigration, and when Lord Derby recently presented this drastic medicine he was only reiterating the well-known traditions of his party. Tory statesmanship cannot, or will not, view any other remedy than that of driving the people from the country to seek homes elsewhere that the peers may have room to grow and not be annoyed by the mutterings of the masses and their aristocratic senses shocked by the miseries of the impoverished. It is refreshing to read, however, that his lordship has had pointed out to him in plain and forcible terms the true remedy for the existing congestion and consequent pauperism, by a gentleman who has the courage to give utterance to his convictions in plain English. According to Mr. Ben. Picard, the Liberal member for North-Normantown, the root of the evil lies in the large acreage of useless parks and woods reserved for the use of the nobility, and maintains but for these there would be plenty of room for many years to come for the people of Great Britain. Mr. Picard advises the aristocracy to test the prescription themselves—emigrate and leave room for the majority to make a living. What is sauce for the goose should be sauce for the gander, and if emigration is good for the masses it ought to be so for the upper classes.

Secretary Windom, of the United States Treasury Department, fell dead at a banquet in New York on Thursday night. The deceased gentleman had just concluded a speech in response to the toast "Our country's prosperity depends upon its instruments of commerce," when he was observed to fall back. Several doctors present at the banquet did everything that medical skill could suggest, but without effect, and shortly afterwards life was pronounced to be extinct. The sad event was the cause of breaking up the banquet. Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Attorney-General Longley, of Nova Scotia, and other Canadians were present on the occasion.

During the past week Ald. Conroy's friends have been exerting themselves. A thorough canvass of the ward warrants the belief that the popular alderman will be returned by a handsome majority.

### MR. BAXTER'S PROGRAMME

Mr. Baxter has given us in a few words the broad lines of his programme, which we lay before our readers, as follows:—  
Street paving, construction of permanent sidewalks, construction of drains, and an improved street car service.  
Liberal expenditure on permanent works. He holds there is every advantage in permanent work, which require little or no repair. Good improvements, which increase the value of property, instead of being a burden, are a benefit to the city.  
Opposition to the offer of the City Council to allow a small sum of money for the widening of Bleury street. He maintains that that street should be widened on the same conditions as St. Lawrence street, namely:—The city to pay one-half of the cost and the proprietors the other half.  
Opposition also to the proposal to distribute the cost of the said widening over the whole ward.  
The carrying out of a policy of progress, with prudence and firmness, beginning by the works which are most required, as far as the finances of the city will permit it.  
He declares that St. Lawrence Ward has been neglected, and that it has not had its share of improvements, particularly in the paving of streets.  
Energetic opposition to any increase in taxation.  
Mr. Baxter also states that, if elected, he will devote himself to the great work of reconstructing the finances and to a wise policy of economy.

### ECHOES FROM THE POINT.

The erecting shop is now working till ten o'clock every night, owing to the scarcity of engines, the management not being able to procure engines to haul the vast amount of freight at present on the line. The overtime is expected to last at least till the end of March.

Ald. Malone has taken the hint offered last week, and has requested the city electrician to have a light placed in the subway. Good, Ald. M.! Election time is when you require to have good spokes put in your wheels. It's your turn next.

The elections are still the sole topic of conversation, and the People's Jimmy, Ald. Thompson and Conroy seem to be the popular candidates among the workingmen in the shops.

The Argyles had a good muster at the Union tramp Wednesday night. The Point boys always do their share.  
The annual open cross country steeplechase of the Argyle Snowshoe Club to Lachine takes place this afternoon, starting from the Oddfellows' Hall at three o'clock sharp. Judging from the entries, the Argyle flyers stand a good chance of taking two out of the three prizes.

Grace Church congregation are now talking "new church." The choir, assisted by friends, give a concert in the G. T. B. Reading Room early next month in aid of the object.

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LONG DOLMANS, \$24.50 for \$12.50.  
LONG DOLMANS, \$28.00 for \$13.50.  
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